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| In Re Application of: | Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J. Ley and Sean P. Skubitz |
| Application No.: | 09/197278 |
| Filed: | November 20, 1998 |
| For: | Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent |
| Group Art Unit: | 3731 |

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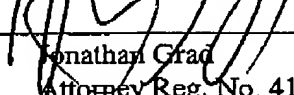
Docket No: S63.2B-6769-US01

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners, hereby request a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed **January 25, 2005**. The petition fee of \$1,020.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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